

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 3 of the specification, please make the following changes to paragraphs 3 and 4. On the following page of this Amendment, please find the same paragraphs, with the changes made, but without markings.

To carry out the method according to the invention, all kind of ordinary starches or starch derivatives that are soluble in the aqueous hydrolysis solution can be used. ~~Such as~~, starches can be derived for example, from potato starch, wheat starch, cassava starch and the like. ~~while~~ The starches rich in amylopectin are especially suitable, such as the wax-like milo (SORGHUM) starch, corn starch or rice starch. ~~The starches can be used modified or not modified,~~ The starch can also be used as an already partially broken down starch. (a thin boiling starch). These starches have to be pre-treated or modified to be soluble in the aqueous hydrolysis solution. In particular, hydroxypropyl and preferably hydroxyethyl starches are used as modified starches.

In case the starch is already soluble in the aqueous hydrolysis solution ~~The~~ modification can be carried prior to hydrolysis, yet also after hydrolysis. Preferably, however, it is modified, ~~in particular~~ especially ethoxylated, prior to hydrolysis.

Paragraphs 3 and 4, with changes made, but without markings:

To carry out the method according to the invention, all kind of starches or starch derivatives that are soluble in the aqueous hydrolysis solution can be used. Such starches can be derived for example from potato starch, wheat starch, cassava starch and the like while the starches rich in amylopectin are especially suitable, such as the wax-like milo (SORGHUM) starch, corn starch or rice starch. The starch can also be used as an already partially broken down starch (a thin boiling starch). These starches have to be pre-treated or modified to be soluble in the aqueous hydrolysis solution. In particular, hydroxypropyl and preferably hydroxyethyl starches are used as modified starches.

In case the starch is already soluble in the aqueous hydrolysis solution the modification can be carried prior to hydrolysis, yet also after hydrolysis. Preferably, however, it is modified, especially ethoxylated, prior to hydrolysis.